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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Unloading of Engineer Units in the Dessau-Aken Area

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1. Unloadings observed at the Aken railroad station between 7 and 14 May 1954 included:

6 May. At night, about 500 troops and bridge-building and billeting equipment from 20 boxcars and 28 flatcars with sideracks.

7 May. About 200 troops, bridge-building equipment and sections of prefabricated houses from 18 boxcars and 32 flatcars with sideracks.

8 May. About 300 troops, 5 T-34 tanks and bridge-building and billeting equipment from 18 boxcars and 22 flatcars with sideracks.

9 May. About 350 troops, 5 T-34 tanks, 3 armored scout cars and bridge-building and billeting equipment from 20 boxcars and 32 flatcars with sideracks.

14 May. Bridge-building equipment including box girders from 10 flatcars with sideracks.

Between 8 and 10 May. Tree trunks from 19 flatcars with sideracks. 25X1

2. On 7 May, an engineer unit was detrained in Rossau and subsequently constructed a wooden bridge 4 to 5 meters wide, and extending as far as mid-stream of the Elbe River. [redacted]

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3. On 3 May, an engineer unit with 2 assault boats and about 55 trucks was detrained at the Dessau railroad station and subsequently left for the camp south of Brambach. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The unidentified engineer regiment of the GDFG presumably assembled in the summer camp in the Aken area. [redacted]

elements were also detrained in Rossau.

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2. Comment. [redacted] the 33th Gds Engr Bn of the 20th Gds Mech Div was detrained. Confirmed information indicated that the 19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army from Weimar-Buchenwald [redacted] was also entrained on 3 May. Motor vehicle [redacted] was observed during the loading. It, therefore, can be assumed that, in addition to the 33th Gds Engr Bn, this battalion has again been in the Aken summer training area since 3 May.

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